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NEWSLETTER

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YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME, WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH
ALL YOUR HEART.

At the start of the month we are nearly five full weeks into the Lenten season. On April 3rd we enter into Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, a time marked by the somberness of veiled statues and candles and deep reflection on the Passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So I ask, are you somber?

I know, from my own experience, that there have been years in which a deep somberness would overcome me by Passiontide since I had done nothing to reform my life. I did not engage in more diligent prayer, fasting, worship, or giving. I was not turning from my sins, nor did I change direction. I had great intentions at the beginning, on Ash Wednesday, but did not take any concrete steps. I would feel that, well, it is too late now...

In other years I would start off wonderfully and then get stuck and would start going backward.

So the question many somber people ask: Am I too late?

The scripture above from Jeremiah

29:13 says no. God's infinite mercy says no. The very fact that we feel a somberness in ourselves is proof of God's acting on us to change, turn away from sin, and go in His way.

Is it easy to change, to yank the sinfulness out of ourselves, and to walk more closely with Jesus? No, it does take work - but turning with our whole heart has the full support and assistance of the Holy Spirit, our Guardian Angel, and the whole Church. So we must not despair nor be somber. We must start now.

What makes a difference is setting aside the idea of intention. 'I intend to' is no more than words. We have to act. The Prophet Joel told us on Ash Wednesday: *rend your hearts and not your clothing.*

That statement means we cannot just stand on the intention of change and return without ever doing anything. Intention is no better than tearing our clothes, an outward appearance. Rather, even today, we can actually change our hearts, our whole self, and find God waiting to embrace us. Seek wholeheartedly and find Him.

JOIN US FOR EVERYTHING EASTER



We so look forward to seeing you for Passiontide (the remainder of Lent starting on April 3rd) as we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase

our charity, and forgive.

April 10th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week.

We reach the high point of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 17th with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am and a second Holy Mass at 10am.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks of Lent remaining so as to rejoice with Him in the eternal celebration of His resurrection.

Easter Wishes

My dearest family in Christ,

On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in

our hearts and in our lives as we follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new. We recognize, even among our trials, His wonderful gifts; most especially the joy we have in Him.

You have blessed me abundantly and I love you and thank God for your mighty witness. I am overjoyed to share with you once again the awesome celebration of the resurrected Christ.

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,

Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.

Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napelni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...

Radosnych i błogosławionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzę.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

Then Join Us for the 50 Days of Easter

We so look forward to your being with us as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 17th and does not

conclude until June 5th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, our Holy Church, and our entire family in faith.

GET YOUR BLESSED POLISH EASTER BASKET



We are once again offering baskets with over twenty homemade and imported Polish food items to share with your family on Easter morning. Fr. Jim will perform a blessing of the baskets prior to pick up.

Share in this beloved family tradition and receive a great deal on all of your favorite Polish Easter foods. Baskets are limited, please order soon. You can order online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2022/03/get-your-2022-polish-easter-baskets-swieconka/> or in church.

Note that 10% of sales will go to our sister church in Poland and their efforts aiding Ukrainian

refugees.

Important:

- Baskets are \$50 each.
 - Pre-orders ONLY.
 - No substitutions.
 - Must pick-up on April 16th between 11am and 2pm. In the alternative, you can have your basket delivered to your home using contactless delivery. There is a \$10 delivery fee for addresses in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy.
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How to say Happy Easter

The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper response is "Truly, He is Risen." Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

- English: *Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!*
- Spanish: *¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!*
- Italian: *Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!*
- Polish: *Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!*
- Swahili – *Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!*
- German: *Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*

- Norwegian: *Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!*
- Rastafarian – *Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!*
- French: *Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!*
- Greek: *Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!*
- Ukrainian: *Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!*
- Gaelic: *Tá Críost éirithe! Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!*
- Scottish: *Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!*

Baptismal Renewal and Return May 1st



We are planning a baptismal renewal and return Sunday, May 1st at 10am Holy Mass inviting back all adults and youth who have been baptized in the parish. Letters will be sent out. There will be gifts for children. We miss you and desire wholeheartedly to see, worship, and fellowship with you.

The Basket Social is BACK - And It Is April 24th



There is a sign-up sheet for baskets. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with the GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 24th at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady.

Seniorate Activities

Our Seniorate Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Holy Cross Parish, 206 Main Street, New York Mills on Saturday, April 2nd starting at 10am. The retreat will conclude with a lunch and Seniorate meeting.

National Church Activities

Mission and Evangelism

Workshop: Temperance, MI April 1-3.

YMSofR Bowling Tournament:

May 20-22 in Lancaster/Buffalo, NY. Fr. Jim is going. We have to submit our roster. Let's bowl together at this great event! See Fr. Jim.

Men's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the National YMS of R from June 15th through 18th in Walmart, PA. Join us!.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 2nd through 9th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up forms will be available in May.

CONVO 2022 will be hosted by the Western Diocese and will be held July 18th to 22nd at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Music Scholarships



The Church's Music Scholarship Program was instituted on August 8, 1964 by the Sixth General Convention of the National United Choirs of the Polish National

Catholic Church held in Carnegie, PA. The program was implemented at the Seventh General Convention held in Cleveland, OH, on August 4, 1966, when the first awards were presented. The Music Scholarship Program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the Polish National Catholic Church.

With the 2021 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,119 scholarships totaling \$340,835.

Applications for the 2022 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html> and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>. We strongly encourage all who can to apply. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2022.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kendell and Shirley Maliszewski
- 3 Patricia Gustuvson, Mark Caulfield
- 4 Timothy J. Olsen
- 5 Kathleen Caulfield
- 7 Albert Rios
- 8 Denise Broza
- 9 Lisette Rios
- 10 Timothy DeCocco
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 18 Kyle Carlson
- 19 Philip Jorczak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski

28 Linda DePaula
30 San D'Amico

Anniversaries

13 Paul & Michelle Zawistowski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčiū,
Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie! God
bless you!**

To all who are living the disciplines of Lent. To all who are praying more fervently through Lenten devotions, who are engaged in acts of charity, and are practicing acts of Christian love and concern.

Thank you to all who are so generously giving through our Lenten directed giving program.

To all who attended our annual budget meeting. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

To our wonderful altar servers, Adam, Christina, and Traviss who offer service with great dignity and respect, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia with Mike Emanuele who make our Lenten reflection all the more meaningful and beautiful.

To all who donated so very generously to our Church-wide Ukrainian relief efforts. Thus far we have raised \$1,017.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a

treasure. Thank you!!!

Planning For:

Sunday Holy Masses are at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted.

Daily Holy Mass is at noon.

- April 1: Daily Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- April 2: Seniorate Lenten Retreat.
- April 3: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- April 4 through 8: Daily Holy Mass at noon. Stations of the Cross Friday at 3pm.

Holy Week

- April 10: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- April 11: Holy Monday. Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 12: No Daily Holy Mass. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.
- April 13: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions until 2pm.
- April 14: Maundy Thursday, Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.
- April 15: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon.

Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.

- April 16: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am. Blessed Basket pick-ups 11am until 2pm.

The Easter Season

- **April 17: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.**
- April 18-22: Bright Week. Daily Holy Mass at noon.
- April 24: Low Sunday **10am Holy Mass ONLY. Basket Social.**
- April 25: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of the PNCC Bishops
- April 26-27: Daily Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of the Supreme Council.
- April 28-29: Daily Holy Mass at noon.
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman.
- May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am with Return and Renewal ceremony. Holy Mass at noon.
- May 2: Feast - Ss. Philip and James, apostles (translated). Holy Mass at noon.
- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at noon.

APRIL 2022 DISCIPLESHIP THEME - THE LAST SUPPER - DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Scripture: John 13:1-15

Reflection: On Holy or Maundy Thursday we hear about the Last Supper, the Passover Meal our Lord celebrated with His disciples from John's Gospel. What is important for us to realize in this most important passage of Holy Scripture is how Jesus yokes receiving His Presence in the Eucharist to a life of serving others.

In God's Word we hear how during this most sacred meal during which the Holy Eucharist was instituted our Lord taught them to wash the feet of others. To serve and wash others feet is tied directly to receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Receiving Holy Communion should compel us to action as servants and disciples of our Lord - living as He commanded: *"You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."*

Action Item: Strengthened by receiving the Holy Eucharist, allow

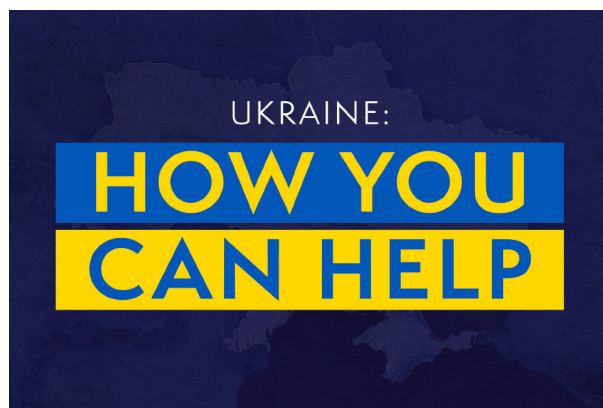
Christ to live in you by your works of love and mercy to others, especially those in need. During this month offer three works of mercy or deeds of kindness for others in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Participating Online

We broadcast daily and Sunday Holy Masses and devotional services live online on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/> and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWUo-NZzSJVzk2Q9hchQaHg>.

If you happen to be ill or away, or have shut-ins in your family, you and they can still join in with your family-in-the-faith by these means.

Helping in a Time of Tragedy



The evil and unprovoked invasion of The Ukraine by the Russian State has cast the world onto a precipice where even the slightest mistake, on top of the vast folly undertaken by Russia's corrupt and evil

dictatorship, can plunge the world into war.

As part of the Polish National Catholic Church's efforts to support the Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees, we first and foremost encourage prayer for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the world. We ask prayers especially for the wounded, the dying, and all the victims of this horrible war, as well as for the Ukrainians seeking to defend their liberty and freedom.








We are also taking up a collection to provide needed supplies and housing. These funds will be sent to our sister Church, the Polish Catholic Church (Kościół Polskokatolicki) which has been giving support and caring for Ukrainian refugees that have come across the border into Poland. A number of parishes in the southern portion of Poland have been providing relief to refugees as well as delivering aid to the border.

You may send a check made out to Holy Name of Jesus noted as "Ukrainian Assistance." Our address is 1040 Pearl St., Schenectady, NY 12303, You may also use a credit card online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2022/03/supporting-ukrainian-relief-efforts/>.

Confirmation and First Communion Classes

Classes are currently underway. If any adult or youth would like to participate, please let Fr. Jim know.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 Daily Holy Mass at noon. Stations of the Cross, 3pm 156th Anniversary – Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur	2 Seniorate Lenten Retreat, 10am. NY Mills, NY
3 Passion Sunday – Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	4 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	5 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	 6 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	7 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	 8 Daily Holy Mass at noon. Stations of the Cross, 3pm	9
10 Palm Sunday Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski,	11 Holy Monday. Daily Holy Mass at noon.	12 Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).	 13 Spy Wednesday Daily Holy Mass at noon Private Confessions until 2pm.	 14 Maundy Thursday, Reception of Holy Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.	 15 Good Friday, Church opens at noon. Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.	 16 Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10am. Easter Basket pickup 11am-2pm.
17 Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Lector: Larry Panfil. Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass.	18 Bright Monday Daily Holy Mass at noon.	19 Bright Tuesday Daily Holy Mass at noon.	20 Bright Wednesday Daily Holy Mass at noon.	21 Bright Thursday Daily Holy Mass at noon.	22 Bright Friday Daily Holy Mass at noon.	23 Bright Saturday Basket Social Preparation.
24 Low Sunday – Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. BASKET SOCIAL	25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of PNCC Bishops.	26 Daily Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of Supreme Council.	27 Daily Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of Supreme Council.	28 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	29 Daily Holy Mass at noon.	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman

EVENTS

May

Mother's Day, Memorial Day,
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